

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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AND PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM)

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RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 15, 2005 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 15, 2006. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.